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OFFICE OF

THE DELAWARE RIVER IRON SHIP BUILDING AND ENGINE WORKS.

Chester, Pa., April 27th 1886.

Mr. Wm Brewster
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The statement made by Mr. Ragsdale in current number of "Auk," of the capture of skin of Syrnium nebulosum alleni, in Cook Co, Texas: prompts me to tell you of the capture of this species even farther from its assigned habitat - The circumstances, briefly, are as follows - A correspondent from whom I lately received several lots of Texan eggs in sets, surprised me by writing that he had taken 3 sets this season (1886) of the S. n. alleni - with skins this gentlemans home is in Giddings, Lee Co. Texas - and it is here that he claims to have shot these birds, and taken their eggs; He is an honest man and would have no reason for deceiving me - The skins have been identified, so he tells me, by one competent to perform that duty, and if any credit

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is due for thus extending the known range of this bird, it should be given to Mr. J.A. Smiley, who is the gentleman I have spoken of.

If you desire a skin of this species (S.N. allini) taken in Lee Co. Texas, I will gladly purchase the skin from Mr. Smiley and have it sent to your address, you to keep it for your collection, provided you pay charge of transportation (Expressage) which would probably be inconsiderable.

You could thus certainly establish the existence of this bird so far from its home - a fact which may in a measure explain my selfishness - as it would establish the parentage of a set of eggs now in my cabinet, of which I am not altogether satisfied.

Very respectfully

Harry G. Parker

Chester, Penn'a

Chester, Penna
13th May 1886.

William Brewster, Esqr.

Dear Sir:

By this mail I have instructed my correspondent in Texas to send to you by mail the alleged skin of D. alleni — I have little doubt of the correct identity, myself but will feel better about my set of eggs after you have passed upon the skin —

The package will no doubt reach you within 20 days (he's quite slow anyway, & is in the field a good deal just now) and I trust you'll make no mention of postage charges — I only suggested Express as a safer medium — I shall be glad to have you accept the skin as your own — I am going to Texas (near Brownville) next February for a 6 months collecting

trip, and hope to work over much of the territory covered by Messrs. Bennett, Merrill Goss & especially to visit Eagle Pass vicinity to see things that Mr. Brewer did.

Respectfully

Harry G. Parker.

Harry G. Parker
Waco Tex.
May 13. 1886

Chester, Pennsylvania
Decr. 28th. 1886.

Dear Mr. Brewster -

I am reasonably sure of the following sets having been sold or sent out by Mr. Wayne - I cannot believe that I am mistaken in any of them, and probably Mr. Wayne will not deny these facts -

1. set of n/4. B. F. Goss - Pewaukee, Waukesha Co, Wis.
2. " " n/3. A. M. Ingersoll - Alameda, Calf. Box 7,
3. " " n/4. Thos. K. Jackson - Westchester, Pa - Box 1668.
4 " " n/4 Samel B. Ladd " "
5 " " n/3(?) Josiah Hoopes Esq. " "
6 " " n/4 J. Parker Norris Esq. 204, No. 7, St. Phila.
7 " " n/4 " " " " this set was sent to

Mr. Norris about a month ago, with a strong request to buy it - but I believe he (Mr. N.) returned it -

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8. sch of n/4. H. G. Parker, Chester, Pa —

9 & 10 - 2 sets which Capt. B. told Mr Norris & I that Wayne had sent you - the Capt said 3 sets, but I remember you said 2.

11. a sch of 3 eggs, which Mr Wayne offered several of us, being too far adv. in incubation to prepare & preserved in alcohol — three specimens Wayne still has, I presume —

Errata — the sch of n/3. which my friend Ada Emerson has, & which I hastily & unwarrantably suppose came from Mr W. - I have since learned came from Mr Troup D. Perry Savannah, Ga —

I might enclose a letter from Mr Jackson expressing his indignation at Mr Wayne's Jackeying - he having assured Jackson (so Jackson says, vide his letter to me Oct 31) that the set he then sold was his only duplicate one - with me - (I was his 2° victim, or possibly 3°) Mr Wayne

made no such compromising assertion - but he did most certainly lead me to think that he had no more and while I was justly angry - I did not say anything to Wayne, tho' Mr. Jackson & one other did severe him rather severely for his deception —

I feel no bitterness towards Wayne, & am happy to have been of service to him in his extremity & trouble since, I wouldn't have the list I have here furnished you, construed as an act of enmity, or as a cause for Wayne's anger towards me - All the egg shells in creation are not worth fighting over - I send the list, then, being positive in my own mind as to correctness, and if you shd. drop a line to Mr. Jackson he would, no doubt, verify it - I don't know, of course, that all these eggs were taken this season (86).

Sincerely
Harry G. Parker

Harry F. Parker

Dec. 28-1886

Chester, Pennsylvania,
January 15, 1887.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Since writing to you in relation to the number of acts of Swainsons Wolf, sent out by Mr. Wayne, I have had my statement verified positively - but in such a way that I can say nothing further without violating the confidence of a friend, suffice it to say the said verification appeared over Mr. Wayne's own signature.

I spent two delightful days of this week at the American Museum in Newyork City, and feel wonderfully indebted to Prof Allen, who in person extended every courtesy and facility in his power to the better aid me in seeing the collections deposited there, I also made the acquaintance of Messrs. Foster, Bailey, Richardson &c, besides spending a portion of an evening with Mr. Bennett at his home

and an afternoon with the same gentleman in looking over his splendid Texan collections.- If you have not already seen Mr. Sennett's series of birds, nests & eggs of your new form of Snow bird (M.C.) you must bear it in mind on your next visit, tho' I presume said series would exhibit no variations not already found in your own collection of this species —

I have added about $80.00 worth of Eggs since you saw my coll. in November, and thus increased my little store by about 30 new (to me) species — The death of Mr. John Roach will, I'm afraid, deprive me of my means of existence - and as this 'living on earth' is a problem which always demands solution, I have no hesitation in asking that you let me know if you hear of any opening, of any kind, which you think I could fill —

Very respectfully.

Harry G. Parker.

H. G. Parker

Jan. 15-1887

In re Wayne

Chester, Pennsylvania
Janry 19. 1887.

Dear Mr. Brewster -

I feel that in justice not only to myself, but to you, I ought to state a few facts that you may not in any way misconstrue or misinterpret my meaning, when you consider my request of 15th inst. that you let me know of any opening I could fill - the reason I feel a short statement is due, is because I don't want my request to appear in the form of an appeal to you on any consideration of personal acquaintance, or because I happen to know how well you are provided with this world's goods -

(I find it extremely difficult to express my meaning on this delicate subject, as I should like) - briefly then - I am assured of my position as long as our present contracts continue, a matter of perhaps 4 mos,

at that time (abt May 15th) I will no doubt have to look elsewhere for employment, because this plant will probably pass into other hands - I will however not come to want, (pardon my plainness) as my Father is a man of wealth, and my wife's family - whom you met - are in comfortable circumstances. But a spirit of independence alone prompts me to exert every effort to secure something for my own support, & the support of those who are so dear to me - and you will now understand, I trust, why, I incorporated in the body of a social letter to you, a parenthetical request for relief(?) from idleness & dependence - I would not object to coming to Boston, or going anywhere, in fact - and I would like to make at least $1500, tho' I suppose I could subsist on a trifle less, if I had to - I now enjoy something better than $2000, and all times find that amt all too small - I breathe to you my strongest & heartiest desire - viz. to leave mercantile pursuits if possible and devote my energies, intelligence(?) &c to something more congenial, and to which I could devote

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the best that is in me – As you know, I am heart and soul devoted to Nature, and if love of position shd. overtake me, I would first try to secure something in connection with my love – such, for instance, as an Asst Curatorship in some public or private museum, or as Amanuensis, or writer, or traveler, or whatnot – If such an opening was to be found, I would take it at a low figure, if it had promise or any hope of advancement in proportion to the amt of usefulness I could display –

But I'm afraid I have drawn this letter to a tiresome length, and I'm almost ashamed of having asked the question of you in the first instance. If I have made my standing position clear to you, & if you comprehend correctly the spirit in which I approached the subject – all is well –

Very sincerely

Harry G. Barker

Chester, Pennsylvania
Janry 25. 1887.

Dear Mr Brewster -

At the suggestion of Mr Allen I send you with this a letter from Mr C. recd by me on 22d inst. - Assuming that Mr Allen has given you no details of this little plot, it may be well for me to say that on Janry 15th I wrote a letter to "Dr Semoyne" asking him to kindly give me some advice as to best point to visit in North Carolina where I would have combined ~~good~~ Good hotel ~~adv~~ accommodations & fine field for active collecting — this letter, I stamped, sealed & enclosed it to Mr F.H.C. asking that he kindly forward it to Dr A Semoyne -

(A copy of this correspondence I mailed to Mr Allen on 15th)

the enclosed letter of Mr C's is in reply to mine as above; and I am looking for another one from

him anyday. this plan to catch M.C. is not from malice, for I can stand a man fooling me with a spurious sch of eggs, & say nothing about it, but when articles appear in Nat'l Hist'l magazines which are based upon no actual knowledge of the subject discussed, but the work of an idle brain whose food for such articles is derived from the writings of others I think then it is time to expose it if facts justify it— This matter is known only by Prof Allen yourself & the writer, & as the Prof. truly says in his letter read this Am. "it is best to keep the matter strictly private till we receive something tangible to go upon— I send the letter then & have nothing to add except that Mr Allen has seen the letter & ret'd it to me today

Very sincerely

Harry C. Merriam.

P.S. the Mr & Prof are strangely mixed in this letter, but they both refer to the same gentleman. H.C.M.

H. G. Parker

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In re Carpenter

Chester, Pennsylvania
Janry 27. 1887.

Dear Mr. Brewster:

Your letter and enclosure, replete with interesting information, came yesterday. I knew you had H.H.C. in your power, for you intimated as much to me in person, but to think of having him committed on 5 cases is too good - I will use my best endeavors to push this Le Moyne business to a finish and keep you acquainted with developments - Have had no reply from H.H.C. to mine of 22nd ult. and I believe with you he is very foxy, tho' probably unsuspecting of my real purpose - His uncle left him, (beside the alleged M.) the finest private coll. of Eggs in the Northern States !! - Poor Mr. Harris, I pity him - and he's such a fine man, too, Carpenter has filled him to overflowing with all kinds of stories and he (being so upright himself) is entirely

of Carpenters true character - and I would'nt for worlds open his eyes, or breathe a word against C. until I had proof to substantiate such opening or breathing - as it were -- Harris has tried in vain - for 18 months - to get a checked list of Carpenters' eggs - and finally it came, but showed a masterhand, (at least a cautious one) inasmuch as it numbered 413 species (I have a copy too, from Mr H.) but nothing checked which could excite suspicion or critical comment; Its wealth of Sylvicolidae, Daphones &c led Mr H. to intimate that he would come over to Rehoboth some time and spend a day or so in inspecting, but the wily "C" was ready again, with a happy answer - it seems his lamented uncle had died in Worcester Mass, where the eggs still were packed away in numberless inaccessible (at present) boxes - This is but one of many stories which he told - but the length of this suggests a biography - when - if ever - we gather enough together to prove anything - we can then decide the best means to employ for Carpenters public exposal - To me it is a source of the deepest regret that such as he are permitted to thus sully the darling study by

N. E. Parker

Jan. 27. 1887

In re Carpenter

the damnable workings of an uncurried conscience & imagination - we may yet felicitate ourselves upon the vindication of Right, and the ignominious death & burial of an unrighteous scamp - Lemoyne articles recall the money letter - & both Lemoyne & Northrup are undoubtedly myths -

I shall respect your confidence regarding Mr. Rickseckers price & (also the fact that you are a possible purchaser - please be sure to let me hear if you take his collection, for besides an earnest wish that you become its owner, I have a most unselfish remembrance of a schaf Cerithia 1/6 - pardon the thought -

Very sincerely
Harry C. Parker

Encl. letter from J.B.P.

1626 Green Street
Philad.a
Feby 6th. 1887.

Dear Mr. Brewster

Since writing to F.H.C. on January 22d. I have had no reply and I guess he suspects; you can see inform Mr. Keller, if you will, when next you write to him.

My reason for now writing is to have you read the enclosed letter from Mr. Norris, which I recd on January 29th. I hesitated to send it, or in fact say anything about it, but after holding it one week I have concluded that I would be mean to keep to myself such a "feast of fiction" - please, for Heaven's sake don't expose me, so don't say anything about

the contents to any but your tried & trusted friends, I would'nt have Mr Morris know of my perfidy for the world - but you, I know, will justify me, in view of our deeper knowledge of said Carpenter - This letter (ie part referring to F.H.C. his expenditures & Buchanan(?) &tic &c) is a further revelation of Carpenter's damnable traits - please let me have your assurance that I am safe in sending you this letter -

Ever sincerely
Harry H. Parker.

I have just added from Mr Stephens' friend Harrow - neats & sets of Blackchinned 7/6 Bells Sparrows 5/ Louisiana Tanager, - West Horned Owl 5/, Ogors Worm 2/6, Coslas Hingbird 2/6 &c &c &c,

H. G. Parker

Feb. 6. 1887

In re Carpenter

Chester, Penn.

March, 26th 1887.

Dear Mr. Brewster—

You will be surprised to learn, no doubt, that I am selling off my collection of eggs. The money so obtained, added to two thousand dollars I have saved, will enable me to make an investment which I have long desired, and which (with my personal services in the same interest) will enable me to make an attempt at living— My position in this office will undoubtedly be lost some, quite soon, owing to lack of business, and so I begin to stir myself & look out for the future comfort of those whom I love — at home —

Some considerable no. of eggs are already sold & gone by private transactions near home — I however thought well of apprising you of my move, and at

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the same time calling your attention to several sets which you possibly might desire - 1st a set of 2 perfectly authentic eggs of Swallow tailed Kite for which I paid $800 cash - a set of 5 eggs of White tailed Kite † the original (type) set of 5 eggs of Worm eating Warbler, first described by Dr. Brewer - this set was collected by Mr Jackson of Westchester x by him described in Amer. Naturalist about 1869 - † x by Dr Brewer Baker, & Thaxter

the eggs are not well prepared, having 2 holes both underneath - but they are in good condition x accompanied by Mr Jacksons notes - (no nest) - I mention nothing else - because this is the best I have - without, in any sense, pleading - (far from it) for their sale - I call your notice to them and offer the 3 sets for whatever you consider a fair price - as I have two other offers pending for these same eggs, I respectfully ask that you will answer at your earliest

convenience - I would rather put these in your collection than any other, strange as it may seem, will accept any reasonable offer from you, even tho' it fall below two offers now in my hands -

Just at present I am so fully occupied with writing & packing that I cannot tell you more of my position, desires & action - A rich father withholds all assistance in time of need, & an ambitious & wide awake son is determined to make his own way - Please accept my thanks for kindly sending me Master Taylors letter & believe me

Very sincerely
Harry G. Parker

I have 2 sets of Capt A. T. Gos' white tailed Hawk in pregnancy with Gos' notes / set is 2 x / set, 3 eggs (i.e. Parkes collection)

If you can recall anything else in my collection that you may want please mention it with price you will accept

Harry F. Parker

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wish to send, full original notes with deeds. I will send these eggs at once by Adams Express if you decide to take them, I will write you more fully upon other subjects when I have a little more leisure.

Very Sincerely
Henry T. Parker.

H. T. Parker
Mch. 29-86.
Offer of eggs.

626 Grand St.
Sunday Eve.

Dear Sir:

I have set of Black Shoulder-ed Kites. I will send to Mr. Hoopes of West Chester, Penna. he having made a large cash order so much contingent upon having this set, I would not have done this had it not been

for your expressions
to that effect.
For the Swallow-tailed
Kite I will take
$18. and will let them
cost for the Eyrie
set of young-eating
trouble $5-$10.
I have had the
Limpkin 1/4 - $5. for pair
Florida-barred owl 1/2-dozen
ly — $2. for pair.
Black-crested-titmouse 1/6
from Chickaree $4 per pair.
I mention these
three pair, thinking
possibly you might

Chester, Penna.
Jany, 31st 1888.

Dear Mr Brewster.

Upon my retirement from Oölogy, and after having parted with my coll. of eggs by private sale; & had, for a short time a great deal of anxiety & trouble regarding my future, and the welfare of those dependent upon me; and during this and a subsequent period I paid little or no heed to a dark spot upon my character, the circumstances of which you may have heard (incorrectly or otherwise) from Captain B. During the Summer of 1887. I was reengaged by the old firm and contracts continued to come in until a season of unequalled prosperity came to us; with success in a business way, came to me thoughts of returning to my darling hobby, and now that I have commenced another cabinet I desire to briefly speak of the blot above alluded too.

My private & business life, has, with one glaring exception, been free from blemish or dishonest act— I have uniformly tried to be upright & manly in all dealings with friends, family & employers, as they will testify. In 1886, early in the year, an Indian Agents son, in Arizona, & myself had some trading mutually satisfactory

and altho' I had been cautioned to "look out" for him, & had heard very uncomplimentary reports of him, from the Surgeon (a personal friend) at same Agency, I saw no reason to fear him, & ordered specimens to amt. of $15) It is almost unnecessary to detail subsequent events - the boxes never reached me, & my diligent inquiries at our local P.O. (whom I got to trace the matter) could never find that any such boxes had left - It transpired however, that this man was the Postmaster at Agency or virtually so, and no tracing or inquiry could fathom the matter deeper - behind him - He then tried blackmailing me, demanded $15.) and swore he had sent 3 boxes - I must state that one box of the three, containing eggs for me to identify did come & was returned to him by me, with my identification of contents, the other 2 boxes, (containing my purchase) never came - I attempted to reason with him, that I never cheated a man of a penny in my life - asked him to write to any & all the principal business men & office holders in Chester to testify to my honesty - told him to write to our Postmaster here, who would tell him that I had sent in money orders & postal notes, nearly $500,

in 3 years, (& I never sent any money until after receipt of Goods) well; nothing ensued to convince him, not even our Postmasters written word that the boxes had not come. I was justly indignant & felt that this man was using me to extort money from - and further investigation from Dr Chas Carter then stationed at that Agency as surgeon, only served to strengthen my conviction that this man was a blackmailer and a blackguard - The matter dropped for some time and then an exchange was proposed between us; and - here is where I lost my head & lowered myself to his level - Smarting under the groundless imputation and the indignity, I, in revenge, sent him a lot of common eggs misnamed, such as Osprey for Gyrfalcon, English Sparrow - for Fox Sparrow &c &c all accompanied with imaginative data, boldly put down by my own hand on my own printed blanks - not knowing or fearing the consequences of the exposure of such an act, though the light of subsequent mature reflection has shown me how immorally & dishonest was my act - he received the eggs and for the time passed out of my mind, I hoped & intended that one day he would discover the deception else my revenge (so childish) would have miscarried - It was a wicked thing to do and thoroughly have I repented it

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Mark the consequences – This man moved near San Francisco, and a friend(?) of mine there saw these misnamed eggs in his collection, without first writing to me, (who had been his warm & kind friend) he sent data & eggs to Capt. Bendire who I'm afraid enjoyed the exposure and proceeded to make it known in a quick way among his (& mine) immediate friends – I offer no excuse for the miserable act of mine, I must have been crazy to have committed it & the sense or purpose of this letter is not to be understood as an attempt to justify it – Capt B, & his vindictive feelings, I am comparatively indifferent to & have offered him no explanation, as he has never sought it from me – but while apparently callous in that direction I am not insensible of the false position I occupy in the minds of those of my acquaintances who have had the particulars from another source – and among those whose respect & esteem I do sincerely care for, is my own~~self~~ – I never knowingly sent out a misnamed specimen, never used a spec. (until the general breakup) and I believe have an unblemished reputation with all that I had dealings with – I have therefore at some length & given details and going on again as a private collector – my page commences clear & will so continue, & I place myself on record as deeply deploring

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my one dishonorable action, and ask that you view the matter in as charitable light as the above circumstances will permit of - I have given you a truthful story & hope, sincerely, you will not withhold your respect & confidence from the subscriber -

Mr Harris (than whom there is no truer gentleman) has given me sterling & friendly advise, and other local gentlemen collectors have welcomed me back - I have said enough, too much maybe; If this should merit a reply from you, I truly hope it may lift the uncertainty which envelopes

Yours very respectfully

Harry G. Parker

H. G. Parker
Jan'y 31-1886

Chester, Penna.
Febry. 3d. 1888.

Dear Mr. Brewster.

Your kind reply to mine of 1st inst, is just rec'd. I'm afraid I failed to convey how fully I appreciate the dreadful position in which I stand, which I will probably continue to occupy, in the minds of all good ornithologists & oölogists whose opinion of respect & confidence I so much wish for. Mr. Harris, gave me, as he said, good advice, and told me to let the matter drop where it was (referring no doubt, to future allusion to the unsavory subject between ourselves) but when I had finally made up my mind to resume Oölogy, and form another collection, I could not bring myself to commence until I had told you of the circumstances of my one guilty deed, & had tried to show you just how sorry, (more than sorry) I was for dishonest transaction; - but in going into the study again, I want to explain two

I intend that my status, (voluntarily perhaps of necessity) shall be very different from formerly- inasmuch as I shall not do any exchanging at all, nor attempt to put myself before a limited ornithological reading public thro' the columns of any of the smaller magazines or papers - but my future store will be entirely the product of purchases from field collectors, whom I know, & from my own untiring labors in the field - If you cared read my miscreant heart, you would see how deeply I feel this well merited disgrace - how finely I appreciate my exact position or rather lack of position in the minds of the fraternity; still handicapped as I am, & will be, I think the pleasure & profit I will derive from the pursuit, (in a very quiet unostentatious manner) will repay me, and at the same time the fact of my being thus engaged will do no harm to the science at large - I would be the last one to do injustice to Captain Bendire even in my own thoughts, and your allusion to the

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in which he treated the matter, in his discussion of it with you, was an awakening to me, I tho't first he might have written me, and secondly I was sure he would handle my character without gloves - I believe now, from what you (& one other) have said that I do the gentleman an injustice, I should probably have been equally, if not more, severe in my judgment of any one else who might possibly have been an offender -

I told you the story, as to my God, truly & I believe fully, & without varnishing the unpleasant truth - it was my one & only act of the kind of my life time, & the only instance, also, in which I tried to further my own ends by employing deceptive or dishonest methods, hence I feel, more deeply, the stigma which will be placed upon me, & from which my character at large will be judged - I say no mercy, however, and will try to live it down - by an honest & straightforward course from now onward - Knowing then how I regard my past, & how dearly I love the pursuit, do not,

advise that I give up, what I would call wife & I would find much pleasure in – I forgot to say in my former letter that my victim, made to me, some 2 months, after my exposure to Capt. B. and as a blackmailer demanded $20, cash, for which consideration he promised silence. I indignantly refused in a letter more graphic than polite –

You have my full & unqualified permission to show Mr. Allen, or any other gentleman, my former letter & this one too, and if they (the letters) shall be the means through which my exact feelings of repentance & repugnance for my unholy act, shall be made clear & plain, & if it were possible that I could gain a little of the good opinion I have lost in the estimation of yourself, Mr. Allen & Lab. then my deep contrition, the suffering I have truly undergone, my self debasement & loss of self respect, & good resolutions for the future will not have been wholly in vain — I subscribe with respect & esteem Very truly, yours

Harry G. Parker.

Capt. B. had better not see my 1st letter, as my expressed opinion in it was unjustifiable & if known to him would do me little good —

1626. Green St. Phila'd'a.
January. 9th, 1889.

Dear Mr. Brewster-

I alluded in a previous letter, to some new & desirable specimens which I then expected to add to my cabinet shortly- The gentleman from whom I purchased these things is Mr. Lewis Gale, Gold Hill, Boulder Co, Colorado- whose family resides in this city, where Mr. G. is now visiting. Thinking that possibly the matter would prove of interest to you, not simply as indicating what I obtained, but to show the character of the species whose eggs Mr Gale has collected, I append the list of what I recd of him - his eggs are beautifully prepared, as are also his skins, (some of which you will shortly see thro' Dr. Merrill, I believe) in fact he is all method, neatness & modesty -

Audubons Hermit Thrush 1/4
American Dipper 1/5
Townsends Solitaire 1/4
Slender billed Nuthatch 1/5
American Pipit 1/5
Mesk. yellow Warbler 1/4
Audubons " 1/4
Wilsons " 1/5
White-crowned Sparrow 1/4
Gray headed Junco 1/4
Lincolns Sparrow 1/5
Little flycatcher 1/4
Wrights " 1/4
Harris's Woodpecker 1/4
Red naped Sapsucker 1/4
Williamsons " 1/6.

Besides these Mr Gale had set of Long crested Jay, Golden Eagle, Mt Chickadee &tal which I let a friend take – Mr Gale does not as a rule sell, but he uses the money rec'd from his eggs to enable him to prosecute the search for rare things & hiring men to hang over cliffs & the like – as he puts it –

I've been fortunate in securing, at last, from the Rebeles of Texas, (Mr Ricksecker's men) Golden cheeked Warbler ♂♀, Texan Bewicks Wren (ie Bairds) ♂, & from Ragsdale, Kentucky Warbler ♂♀, – I'm trying to act with becoming modesty in the face of my great good fortune – such phenomenal success is hard to bear – I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you soon in Phila. and now altho' a little late, I love wishing you the Compliments of the season & a Happy & prosperous New Year –

Very sincerely
Harry G. Parker

Harry G. Parker
Jan. 9 - 1885